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ADDENDUM A

TO

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS No. **PSD 06-HPA-11**

FOR

Multiple Substance Abuse Treatment Services for Male and Female Parolees on the Island of Hawaii

On January 24, 2006, an orientation meeting was held at 1420 Kilauea Avenue, Bay #4, Hilo, Hawaii.

The following are responses to questions received as a result of the orientation meeting:

Question #1: Is the provider expected to utilize insurance benefits when available to maximize treatment costs?

Response #1: No, there is no provision in the Request for Proposal that requires the Provider to utilize insurance benefits before billing the Hawaii Paroling Authority.

Question #2: In the event the parolee has no insurance, will Public Safety cover cost for prescribed medications and physician visits?

Response #2: HPA will not pay for the costs of prescribed medications and physician visits.

Question #3: IOP is defined on page 2-9 as being a "minimum of nine (9) hours up to a maximum of nineteen (19) hours per client per week..." Does this mean that clients who fall below 9 hours per week due to excused or unexcused absences fail to be reimbursed at the IOP rate since they showed up for only 6 hours in a particular week?

Response #3: This is a contractual issue. Please address this issue in your proposal and provide us with what the cost would be should this situation arise.

- Question #4: On page 2-3, the RFP states that all clients "...shall meet DSM-IV criteria for substance abuse dependence." Does this mean that parolees with a sole diagnosis of "abuse" for one of the drug classifications under DSM-IV are excluded from using services under this RFP?
- Response #4. Page 2-2, Section 2.I.C, Description of the target population to be served.

The target population consists of male and female parolees who have a problem with substance abuse. All referrals must come from the Hawaii Paroling Authority. All clients shall have been assessed by the Hawaii Paroling Authority as being at medium-to-high risk for recidivism, due to the presence of substance dependence, and shall meet the DSM-IV criteria for substance abuse, <u>and/or substance dependence</u>. All clients in any level of treatment shall meet the most current version of the American Society for Addiction Medicine Patient Placement Criteria, Second Edition Revised (ASAM PPC-2R) for admission, continuance, and discharge.

- Question #5: On page 2-3 the RFP states that funding is estimated at \$87,000.00 for the period..." Does this mean that clients who are in treatment when this funding limit is reached will have no further funds available to cover their remaining treatment?
- **Response #5**: We want to contract for a three year period. Funding is dependent the funds that the Hawaii Paroling Authority receives each fiscal year. This can vary from year to year.
- Question #6: Does PSD have any projected estimates with respect to utilization by geographic area: East Hawaii, North Hawaii, and West Hawaii?
- Response #6: We have the following number of parolees for the following areas:

 West Hawaii—50; North Hilo (Kamuela to Hilo)—60; South Hilo (Kau to Hilo)—60
- Question #7: Are costs for UA screenings reimbursed by PSD under this RFP?
- Response #7: No, the PSD will not reimburse for the costs of urine screenings conducted by the Vendor. The Hawaii Paroling Authority will use their own urine testing kits to drug test parolees who are participating in treatment.

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